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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether medical researchers have to follow stringent animal experimentation regulation regime for conducting research in pharmaceutical industry in India;

(b) if so, whether the government has any proposal for relaxation of norms for granting clearances for animal experimentation to facilitate pharmaceutical research; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The experimentation on animals is regulated by Breeding of and Experiments on Animals (Control and Supervision) Rules. 1998 as amended in 2001, made under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. Ever}1 establishment earning out animal experimentation has, therefore, to follow the norms as specified in these Rules. These norms are in no way stringent but are quite appropriate and have helped research institutes improve their animal house facility.

(b)&(c) Does not arise.